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Dear Jack,

Jim Mason did mention my new book before it came out but neither he nor Owen Spann nor anyone else in the Bay area has aired me on it or to the best of my knowledge anything on it since. Not even when AP, UPI and the Washington Post Service had very long stories on the wire. (More than 40" on the front page of the Sacramento Bee and about nothing in S.F.) If you know any talk show that would air, I'd welcome it because this is the only way of selling the book and my colleague borrowed the money to pay the printer.

This colleague is doing just about all the legal work in the King/Ray case. It is his first real case and his work is magnificent. A new precedent, discovery under habeas corpus, has been established pending Supreme Court decision first on whether to grant the State's appeal and then in deciding the issue if it grants certiorari.

Together we also have done much with the Freedom of Information law, too.

It has been so long I don't remember your Oakland reference clearly. Hal Verb has more or less dropped out. I have not heard from him in a very long time. He was so very helpful with the earlier books I miss him more than as a friend. And he was a good friend.

I have not been able to do more about the story of those two women you knew. By now you should be able to convince them that there is no danger, as I then told you, and that they really do owe an obligation to make a record of what they can remember of what they know. If you could just get them to tape all the detail they can recollect, I would welcome it. It is quite possible they might have what could be significant for me when I put it together with other information I have. Please try and please ask them to include even what may appear to be trivial.

No possibility of my getting out there except on a paid lecture. I'm too broke. That is why I have not published more. I have the most definitive book yet almost ready to print, the only real question being how much new documentation can be included in the appendix. But I haven't the money and those with it lack the interest.

I think this new book illustrates the reality: it is page-one news throughout the world, it has the most topical CIA data exclusively when CIA is also staying on the front page, and almost no bookstores have a single copy, none at all in your area. A Senator used its contents on network TV and didn't even indicate his source.

But I'm not quitting and Jim is the best help!

Have a good year and thanks,